



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RE: Parks, Recreation, & Open Space Community Workshop #1

The following is a brief summary of responses to the questions discussed at the workshop and on the survey form with approximate number of responses.

What kinds of activities bring you (or your family) to Liberty Lake Parks?

- See Spreadsheet

As you think about Liberty Lake Parks, Trails and Open Space, what issues or concerns would you list?

- Different parks that have different themes / uses
- Too much development, not enough parks, trails, etc.
- Involve homeowner associations, Friends of Pavillion Park, & other groups w/ the City to work together
- Access to river
- Increased public art
- Facilities need to adequately accommodate the growing population as the community grows
- Need more tennis courts
- Need at least one more tennis court
- Need more tennis facilities, improved tennis courts
- Crowding
- Maintenance
- Types of facilities
- Swings
- Adding of swings
- Need trails to extend down Molter toward the lake and along Inlet Drive (narrow roads, bike lanes)
- More play equipment for kids, too crowded during daycare usage
- Could swings be added?
- Improved watering / tree replacement
- Possibly change volleyball court area into a tennis court area
- Sand volleyball area could be eliminated for better use (tennis court, playground, or whatever is needed)
- Lake access along N. side of lake, walkable from City
- Increased soccer opportunities (larger than Pavillion Park, 5 or 6 fields for games)
- Neighborhood pool
- Parks north of I-90
- Tennis Facility
- Need more tennis courts
- Swing Sets
- In-ground pool

- I'd like to see a swing set at any park
- I'd like to see a wading pool anywhere
- Build the City of Liberty Lake Park on the lake in MacKenzie Bayon land purchased from the Hauteus.
- Linking a trail from S. Molter to L.L. County Park
- Lake access! Walking distance from Pavillion Park
- Tennis courts – need more
- Would like a min. of one more tennis court
- Would hate to see a paved trail around the south end of the lake. [It] would encourage more traffic, crime, and less wildlife enjoyment.
- More concerts, less movies – could have a membership ticket to offset expenses like [the] Sandpoint Festival
- Maintenance
- Safety
- Access
- A wading pool (i.e., Millwood – 12" deep?)
- Movies that are "R" rated should not be shown on the park movie nights – no way to monitor ages.
- We would like to have swings for older kids as well as safety ones for babies
- Finishing/connecting trails
- Invasive/noxious weed removal/re-landscape native plants
- Creating pedestrian-friendly town center
- Continue trail system; especially to include "loop" around golf courses (Neyland and Lakeside). Many people walk this route on a daily basis, and it is very dangerous as there is no trail, sidewalk, or shoulder on this road.
- Community garden in a park setting. Similar to the Manito/rose gardens where people can picnic, have weddings, etc. Suggestions: a Liberty Lake Garden Club could be established and assist in the planning, planting, and maintenance of the garden. School kids could have a "plot" to grow vegetables as part of a science project, vegetables grown can then be donated to the food bank.
- Senior Center. Activities similar to the Corbin Art Center. A meeting place and activities (art classes, yoga, dance, seminars) for the Seniors. It would be easier and less driving for seniors to attend functions closer to home rather than driving into the valley or downtown.
- I believe a goal for any park system is to not burden the limited tax dollar and the parks should be designed with that goal in mind – there are ways to reduce the burden by using 'LEED' or 'Build Green' concepts. These alone cannot fill the gap, but together with revenue generation goals can greatly reduce the cost of operating a park or park system.
- Loss of open space for birds, serenity
- Pollution run off into the lake and river
- Capacity for future size of neighborhood
- Bathroom facilities need improvement
- Most tennis clubs in Auckland, New Zealand, for example, have 3 or 4 courts and a small "clubhouse". I am wondering about having a "tennis club" at Rocky Hill Park... the park is really too small for soccer fields or other playfields. The tennis courts could be located in the SE corner, near the little rental house. The house could become the "clubhouse" for the tennis club.
- I am advocating more BIKE TRAILS ... both on the west and east sides of the lake, the main roads (Garry turning into Molter and East Valleyway Ave) are very narrow and dangerous; they are barely wide enough for two cars. Access by foot and bike (bike lane) would be greatly improved by widening and possibly adding sidewalks.

Which park and recreation facility do you visit the most? How many times?

- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park
- Pavillion Park, a few times a week
- Pavillion Park, weekly during warm weather
- Pavillion Park, hundreds of times
- Pavillion Park, 4 times a year
- Pavillion Park, seasonal, more in summer
- Pavillion Park, movies & concerts in summer
- Concerts / movies
- Garden tour
- Playground, several times a week
- Liberty Lake Fitness, 4+ times a week
- Trails
- Trails, daily during warm weather
- Trail system, almost daily
- Lake, 2 to 3 times a week during summer
- Little Bear
- Golf Course
- I walk over 4 miles every day, summer and winter, on trails
- Pavillion Park, L.L. Beach
- Pavillion Park – 3 to 4 times each month in summer, occasionally in winter
- Pavillion Park – morning
- Park/playground – 1 to 2 times/week
- Pavillion with grandson and for tennis, Cedars and waterfall for peaceful hikes
- Pavillion Park – tennis court
- Pavillion Park – movies, concerts
- Trails – every day

How would you rate the quality of parks grounds maintenance?

- Very well maintained
- Excellent
- Great
- Great
- Great
- Very good
- Good, except along trail by Trailhead, lots of knapweed between trail & Liberty Lake Rd.
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- 6 out of 10
- Much better w/ new staff
- Better w/ new staff
- Clean parks
- Problem w/ sprinklers hitting tennis courts at 6:30am
- Good

- Great!
- Very good
- OK
- Excellent
- Very good
- Wonderful 10
- Well – 8
- Good. Sometimes Pavillion Park is overwatered – soggy spots on the northeast end
- Fair – too much water used on grass

How would you rate facility cleanliness?

- Great
- Great
- Great
- Great
- Very good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good
- Good (bathroom facility needs improvement, in the summer season, more cleaning & supplies daily)
- 7 out of 10
- Good
- Good
- 8
- 10
- Very good
- Excellent
- Good
- Very good
- Great! – bathrooms at Pavillion Park can get very dirty during concerts/movies
- Good to excellent

What facilities would you like to see developed in the future?

- Sports Courts - additional tennis courts at Pavillion Park, tennis courts, covered if possible, Handball, tennis, racquetball(2), ice skating
- Additional Trails - at McKenzie Bay, natural area, a trail around the lake or a park on the lake that most people could bike or walk to along the lake, extending onto existing roads like S. Molter
- Additional Picnic Facilities - more tables
- Natural Area and Open Space Preservation - trails w/ native signs & descriptions
- Other -
 - Town square w/ art & greenspace at entrance to Liberty Lake (City center, middle of Albertson's / Safeway parking areas)
 - Signs at entrance to Pavillion Park w/ photos and historical info about Liberty Lake (like rest areas)

- Liberty Lake history
- Teen / youth center
- Soccer fields
- Richer & bigger public library
- A themed garden where people can get to through the trail system (peaceful, beautiful place to sit & relax, have a picnic, take a walk, etc., could be next to an open field for festivals)
- Garden w/ trail connections (Manito type renaissance festival)
- Camps for children other than traditional sport camps
- Parks & rec kids clubs / camps
- A tennis facility (a spot for events)
- Tennis club
- Enclosed tennis, basketball, etc. facility
- Swimming pool (indoor / outdoor)
- Play area (like community play land in Tri-Cities, see www.leatherassociates.com)
- Swings at playgrounds
- Another Pavillion Park type facility
- Enclosed amphitheater
- More festivals (like art in park, music, jazz heritage, food court, year round activities, Boise hot air balloon riverfest, sand sculpture festival)
- Linear park along weedy area between Trailhead & Liberty Lake Rd.
- Access to trails, etc. in Legacy Ridge
- Additional parking for Pavillion Park
- Storage building at Pavillion Park on site of present horseshoe pit
- Liberty Lake needs a dog park... and river access and more tennis courts
- Horseshoe facility
- Can the horseshoe pit be moved to a different location? Proximity to play area with kids taking horseshoes and disrupting play keep me from playing.
- BBQ grills
- More tennis courts
- All would be great for families
- Wading pool
- Demographics need to be projected in addition to growth projections for facilities, programs, and events planning. How will the aging of the current population affect park and recreation planning?
- A downtown area with fountains and open space... Parks and sculpture break up the harsh lines of city center.
- Large parks have swimming pools as well as ball fields, play equipment, picnic areas, and arboreal settings.
- The promised and planned additions to Pavillion Park need to be completed: An attractive, inviting entrance (maybe a second at Country Vista), a flagpole and flag, a storage building south of the restrooms, flower beds, shrubs, sculpture, casual sitting areas, and an interpretive display of Liberty Lake history.
- Pavillion Park enhancements: one or two more tennis courts, second children's play area, and a summer recreation program with attended equipment check-out.
- All developers should be required to build small parks in neighborhoods and provide open space.
- A separate park should be constructed for active sports

- A riverfront park with grass, trees, foliage, picnic areas and possibly a swimming beach.
- Trail system should connect all park facilities
- Plan for safety and security at all locations
- Japanese Garden close to center of town. A secluded, serene area in the middle of everything. These gardens meet the needs of people of all ages; from playing in a babbling brook, to taking a lunch break away from the everyday reality.
- Town Square idea has merit. It would be ideal for a garden market, small, lunchtime performances, art displays, etc; it should contain an informal, large-scale fountain.
- See Spreadsheet